

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the first paragraph of the Specification to read as follows:

**PRIORITY INFORMATION**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/714,479, filed November 15, 2000 and entitled TISSUE REMOVER AND METHOD (now U.S. Patent No. 6,669,685).\_\_U.S. Application No. 09/714,479 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No 09/188,072, filed November 6, 1998 and entitled TISSUE REMOVER AND METHOD (now U.S. Patent No. 6,254,597), the contents of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.